

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For : USING MUTATIONS TO IMPROVE	)	
<i>ASPERGILLUS PHYTASES</i>	)	
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the March 22, 2006, written restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect Group 12 (i.e., claims 32-34, 38, and 43-53) with traverse. Applicants submit that the claims of the present application are closely related and, therefore, require common areas of search and consideration. Since no benefit is derived from imposing this restriction requirement, it should be withdrawn in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

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